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1. The only factory producing storage batteries in Rumania is Acumulatorul, Calea Rorobantilor 105, Bucharest. The total working force is six hundred persons, including clerical, technical, and laboring personnel. The machinery in the factory is old, dating from before World War II. Their products supply Rumanian civilian and military needs, also exports to the USSR and Bulgaria.
2. To complete its quota under the Plan, this factory must use about 1,500 tons of lead, with a loss during processing of about ten to fifteen percent. Production includes the following types:
 - a. "Auto-accumulators," in the normal form of six and twelve volts.
 - b. 24-volt batteries for Diesel motors (two 12-volt batteries coupled together).
 - c. Z-0-50 batteries for lighting railway cars.
 - d. Batteries for small mining locomotives, 180 ampere-hours.
 - e. Batteries for small electric cars, Type Ky 90 -- 120 ampere-hours.
 - f. Emergency batteries, for lighting factories in time of need.
3. These batteries have lead plates, constructed either as barred plates (Gitterplatten), plates with a large superficial area (Oberflachplatten), or greased (geschmierte) plates.

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4. The factory is under the control of the Ministry for Electric Energy (Bucharest, Boulevard General Magheru). The attached official of the Ministry is Karl Philipp, a convinced Communist, who came to Rumania from France. The general director is a man named Sende, likewise a convinced Communist. Sende and Director Lasur Gese (a Hungarian) create a regime of terror in the factory.
5. Liaison men for the factory, with the Ministry of Electric Energy are Gese himself; the chief bookkeeper, Rabinovics; and a certain Enick (both the latter being foreigners). Technical adviser to the works is Erwin Kunisch, who has been a specialist here for a long time.

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